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Investors cast doubt on Microsoft deal

Doubts about group's chances of becoming a serious challenger in the booming smartphone business led to a 6% drop in its share price on Tuesday

US warned over taper uncertainty

Soca given deadline to name secret City list

Asia retreats as Syria worries re-emerge

LinkedIn plans to sell $1bn in stock

MARKETS

US telecoms bonds driven lower

Verizon may offer up to $50bn in corporate bonds in coming weeks to help finance the purchase of 45% stake in Verizon Wireless

Africa bond rush spreads east to Kenya

Kenya lines up record $1.5bn bond debut

Euro's fate depends on more than Merkel

Retail investors drive silver rally

WORLD NEWS

US senators offer support for Syria strike

Democratic and Republican senators have struck a deal on a motion that adds to the momentum of President Barack Obama's campaign to win political support for a military attack on the Assad regime

US-Russia slights could sour G20 summit

Number of refugees fleeing Syria tops 2m

Europe warned over working-age population

Gold miners begin strike in South Africa

UK NEWS

UK economic recovery finally picking up speed

Britain's economy has finally started to recover in line with normal rebounds after recessions – and it is doing so faster than most of its peers

Lansley defends lobbying bill seen as 'sinister gag'

Labour changes tack to living standards

Salmond sets out agenda in run-up to vote

Treasury chief warns on HS2 costs

UK COMPANIES

Brazilian weather takes toll on Genus

Genus reported a 30% year-on-year drop in pre-tax tax profit to £38.1m, with the numbers weighed down by a £9m writedown on value of its bull herds

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